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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

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## **Broome to host FIFO inquiry**

The Regional Australia Committee will take evidence in Broome from key stakeholders in the community at its final public hearing in northern Western Australia for its inquiry into the use of 'fly-in, fly-out' and 'drive-in, drive-out' workforce practices in regional Australia.

The Committee will hear evidence regarding the community's view of the future of Broome and the changes that FIFO workforce practices may have on the town's economic focus and capacity to attract and host tourists and a tourism workforce.

'The Committee has already held public hearings in the towns of Karratha and Port Hedland this week and we are keen to hear the people of Broome's perspective on this very current issue for Western Australia,' the Chair, Mr Tony Windsor MP, said, 'the Committee has received some valuable insights into how FIFO is impacting the region and how the community sees its future that will help inform its recommendations on this issue.'

Date: Friday, 30 March 2012

Venue: Portlight Room, Mercure Hotel, Corner Weld and Louis Streets, Broome WA

Time: 9.35am Small Business West Kimberley

10.30am Broome Shire Council

11.00am Broome Chamber of Commerce

11.30am Mr Ron Johnston

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